

**Gambia February 2019—from Steve Haggard—** Our link with a rural community in The Gambia has seen various St Anne's people head out to the village of Mbollet Ba over the years. Visitors view life from the perspective of sub-Saharan farmers. In 2019 Liz and David Till's daughter Sarah will be going in January. Coming up there's an organised visit from Feb 15 to 25th, with themes around food and education. Steve and Janina are on that, and all St Anne's folk are welcome to join. Anyone interested should ask Steve for details. It's an experience that changes who we are and how we feel about many things.



**For our Prayers—** Clara, DJ, Alvin, Richard, Lois, Josephine, John and Lucia, Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **and those who have died or whose anniversary of death falls at this time including** Lionel Patrick Salmon, Kenneth Timbers, Thomas McNight, Milton McGregor, Fred Hogg, Morgan Johnson, Ed Anderson and Marylou Renault.

**Services during the week 16th December 2018**

**Tuesday 8.30am** Said Mass in Trinity Chapel  
**6pm** Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**Wednesday 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**7.30am** Said Mass in Trinity Chapel  
**Thursday 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**7pm Advent Reflection 2**  
**Friday 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**2.30pm** Tea and Chat  
**Sunday 23 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**Advent 4 9.30am** Sung Mass  
**Monday 24th 5pm** Crib Service  
**11.30pm** Midnight Mass  
**Tuesday 25th 10am** Sung Mass with Carols

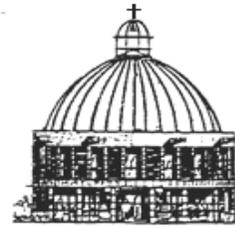


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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 16th December 2018**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**HYMNS TODAY** 223 , 506-, 777, 811 and 638

**President** Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence

*Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for refreshments after the service.*

**Rejoice! Here comes a happy prophet.** We usually do not associate a prophet of the Old Testament with joy and jubilation. But our reading from Zephaniah makes a delightful exception. Gladness engulfs God. God is happy for the redeemed who will now experience evil no more.

**1st Reading— Zephaniah 3: 14-end**

*Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in our midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the*

*peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.*

### **Our Second Reading**

“Joy” and “peace” are themes we encounter throughout the season of advent: on cards, decorations, and in music streaming forth from malls and churches. Yet experience shows us that “joy” and “peace” are often allusive, especially at this time of year. Philippians 4:4-7 offers a helpful framework for exploring “joy” and “peace” in relation to the life of faith. They suggest that the substance of joy and peace is found not so much in the emotions they evoke, as in the attitudes, behaviours, and relationships in which they are grounded.

### **2nd Reading— Philippians 4: 4-7**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### **Our Gospel Reading**

**In** today's Gospel reading Luke 3: 7-18. Luke depicts John the Baptist's message as a clarion call to repentance. His proclamation can be divided into roughly three sections: First (verses 7-9), he addresses potential excuses. He has harsh words (“You brood of vipers ...!”) for those who think baptism will exempt them from the coming judgment. In the second section of his message (Luke 3:10-14), when “the crowds” ask what they should do, he says to provide generously for those in need. Then, two groups -- tax collectors and soldiers -- ask the same question. Notice that both groups worked for the government, keeping order in the name of the Roman emperor Tiberius (who ruled 14-37 CE). Luke's context of imperialism is unmistakable. The third and final section of John's proclamation in the wilderness (Luke 3:15-17) depicts him doing exactly what he has just advised. That is, he shows that he knows his role, and he refuses to push beyond the bounds of the authority he's been given: When the people wonder whether John himself is the promised Messiah (3:15), he responds by underscoring his subordination to the one who is coming (3:16). This passage might lead us to ask: What does it mean to bear fruit worthy of repentance today? Are we content with what we have, or do we use our authority like those who cheat others. *From Michal Beth Dinkler, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School.*

## **Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

### **Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our we are hitting our target—THANK YOU!!!

### **Laurence's Larder and Food Bank**

The Larder is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1.30pm. We are still asked to bring in a can a week; while our focus is tuna, at this stage all food is welcome! There is also a need at present for good quality, warm men's clothing.

### **Christmas Parties**

A huge thank you to all who assisted with My Move and Tea & Chat Christmas Parties on Friday, and also with cleaning and decorating the building. We had a wonderful time, and everyone's assistance made it a great day!

### **Advent Activities**

We still have some cards to deliver throughout the parish, please take a bundle of cards if you are able and deliver to the streets listed. Please sign what you have taken.

**Advent Reflections**—Thursday 6th, 13th 20th December in the Chapel 7pm—8pm concluding with compline at 8pm—*Reflections Aquinas and Advent.*

**Carols by Candlelight**—4.30pm **TODAY** with Queen's park Singers; and Christ Church congregation

**Vicar's Christmas Drinks** -7.30pm on Tuesday 18th Decem  
**Crib Service**— 5pm Monday 24th December

### **Giving Tree - is now up and open!**

Our Christmas Trees is now up and you an opportunity to consider your charity giving this Christmas.

1. Gift Box for St Mungo's—Fill a shoe box or gift bag with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or place in a gift bag, and place under the tree.
2. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry -This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and post it under the tree.
3. Gift to Laurence's Larder—either food in the hamper—or they welcome donations in the form of Gift Vouchers so they can buy food from Supermarkets.